



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 351

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House Bill No. 5921

House of Representatives, April 15, 2003

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. WALLACE of the 109th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHWAY SOUND BARRIERS IN NEIGHBORHOODS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-326 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 At such meeting, the voters may establish a district for any or all of
4 the following purposes: To extinguish fires, to light streets, to plant
5 and care for shade and ornamental trees, to construct and maintain
6 roads, sidewalks, crosswalks, highway sound barriers, drains and
7 sewers, to appoint and employ watchmen or police officers, to acquire,
8 construct, maintain and regulate the use of recreational facilities, to
9 plan, lay out, acquire, construct, reconstruct, repair, maintain,
10 supervise and manage a flood or erosion control system, to plan, lay
11 out, acquire, construct, maintain, operate and regulate the use of a
12 community water system, to collect garbage, ashes and all other refuse
13 matter in any portion of such district and provide for the disposal of

14 such matter, to establish a zoning commission and a zoning board of
15 appeals or a planning commission, or both, by adoption of chapter 124
16 or chapter 126, excluding section 8-29, or both chapters, as the case
17 may be, which commissions or board shall be dissolved upon adoption
18 by the town of subdivision or zoning regulations by the town planning
19 or zoning commission; and to adopt building regulations, which
20 regulations shall be superseded upon adoption by the town of building
21 regulations. Any district may contract with a town, city, borough or
22 other district for carrying out any of the purposes for which such
23 district was established.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

PD *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHWAY SOUND BARRIERS IN NEIGHBORHOODS**SUMMARY:**

This bill permits towns to create special districts for building and maintaining highway sound barriers. The towns must follow existing statutory procedures for establishing a special district. This procedure requires 15 or more voters in the town signing a petition for the district and either two-thirds of the people present and voting at a town meeting or voting in a referendum on the question to approve it.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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